

Canada Post Agreement: 40069240

St. Paul

DODGE

— STARTING AT —

REAL PRICE **\$39⁹⁵** + GST

*\$44.95 + gst for 5.7L Hemi Engines

OIL CHANGES
on most makes
and models

780-645-6777

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

UP FRONT

Elk Point RCMP and the EADRCRU arrest six, lay multiple charges in joint operation.....Page 3

SPORTS

Lakeland Northstars set their sights on AA Baseball Provincials in St. Alb ert.....Page 6

Elk Point

Review

RON & SHARON SMITH

R: 780-645-0105/S: 780-645-9774

www.ronandsharon.ca

ronandsharon.smith@elkpointrealty.ca

PRIME COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ALONG HWY 41!

4710-50 AVENUE, ELK POINT

LOCATION! LOCATION! IDEAL FOR A BUSINESS!

Follow the primary entrance into the Industrial Sub-division & you pass this property on the corner. Over 200' of Highway & 50th Ave. frontage.

GREAT TRAFFIC FLOW!

MLS - E4156256 • \$320,000

REALTOR.ca

PROPERTY

icx

www.mls.ca

ep ELK POINT REALTY

4908-48 St., Elk Point



TURNING STICKS INTO SIGNS - Elk Point Municipal Library's Tuesday - Thursday group created signs with their names by using twigs and glue guns last week, as they started off a summer full of fun activities with a nature theme for the 2019 Summer Reading Program. Both this and the Monday-Wednesday group were filled up with participants for a lineup that includes field trips and a July 24 visit from a magician, as well as crafts, games and stories.

Vicki Brooker photo

Town approves Recreation Master Plan

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's Allied Arts and Leisure Centre is one of three Class A Facilities designated in the Regional Recreation Master Plan approved by Elk Point town council at their July 8 meeting. The other two facilities are the Town of St. Paul swimming pool and St. Paul Visual Arts Centre.

Elk Point joins the Town of St. Paul and the County of St. Paul in agreeing in principal to a 75 per cent population, 25 per cent equalized assessment funding formula for the three facilities, with a five-year, multi-lateral recreation funding agreement starting in 2020. Elk Point's share would amount to around \$44,000, and Mayor Lorne Young told council, "How to pay it will be discussed at budget time."

County campgrounds were originally included in the Class A facilities, and the mayor said, "The big change is the county taking the campgrounds out of our responsibility. I feel they were trying to be fair to everyone and I appreciate that they pulled them out."

Two May 13 motions, one approving three Class A facilities that included the campgrounds and not the Visual Arts Centre, and one approving funding as equalized assessment, were rescinded, and replaced by the new motion.

The 58-page master plan inventories all recreational facilities within the region, and is one of the requirements of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF) under the modernized Municipal Government Act.

(Continued on Page 2)

Community counselling requests at an all time high

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

Requests through the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS community counselling program are at an all time high this year according to the update County of St. Paul interim CAO Tim Mahdiuk presented at the regular county council meeting, July 9.

"They only have \$500 left in their budget for the year and it will be discussed at their next board meeting," said Mahdiuk.

In a follow up interview after the meeting, FCSS Director Janice Fodchuk said they budgeted the same

for community counselling in 2019 as what they did in 2018, but the program is typically one of the most difficult areas to budget for.

"Because we just don't know what's going to be happening in the community from year to year," said Fodchuk. She said typically they see a spike in requests in years where there are a number of fatalities on the road, and they saw a big spike in the year following the accident at Racette School in 2012.

"Can I think of anything that happened from January to June? Not really other than the economy. We've been going down in the last two years, but people were

managing to use their savings or unemployment or whatever, to save their house, to save their car. That's all been depleted and now it's all hitting the fan. But that's why. We're at the end of all their savings, their EI, now it's critical. That's what I think happened," said Fodchuk.

"People are thinking about suicide. They're saying 'I can't fend for my family, I can't provide.' One guy is 'I'm losing my house, I've already lost my car. I can't even get to town to apply for unemployment, I've got no way.' These are true stories that we hear every day, just about," said Fodchuk.

(Continued on Page 5)

Bringing You the News Since 1984

FORD

Zarowny Motors Ltd.

HIGHWAY 29 WEST ST. PAUL

780-645-4468 or 1-800-522-4115

www.zarowny.com

FORD

NOW HERE IS A PREMIUM PRE OWNED UNIT! IT'S A

2014 Ford Escape with only 44,000 kms!

CALL DENIS TODAY FOR MORE DETAILS.

Stk # 2768

OR

OPTIONS REALTY

LAKE LAND

More ways to List More ways to Save

Full Service Brokerage - 2% Fixed Rate Commission

Owner Assisted MLS® Listing - Packages Starting at \$899+gst

Buyers Agent Cash Back Program

57416 - RR 82, County of St. Paul, AB | 780-614-3283 | OptionsRealtyLakeland.ca

STARS thanks county for continued support

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

Reeve Steve Upham received a framed photograph from STARS Air Ambulance on behalf of the County of St. Paul at the regular council meeting July 9.

Glenda Farnden, the senior municipal relations liaison for STARS presented the photograph, along with an update on STARS missions to the county and future needs. According to Farnden, STARS has already flown 19 missions in the County of St. Paul in 2019, and a total of 219 missions to the county since 2014.

She shared a story about a woman who came to understand the bigger picture after her son needed STARS during a family trip to British Columbia. "Their support not only helps local residents, but wherever we go across Western Canada now. If you were to travel to see family in Winnipeg, you would still have access to STARS and at no cost to you," said Farnden.

Coun. Laurent Amyotte asked if STARS is able to recoup any of their mission costs from private insurance companies like ground ambulance services do.

"Helicopter EMS is not an insurable service under the Canada Health Act. . . STARS has been a charitable entity since we started and we want to remain that way so we're available to whoever needs us. So no. There is no insurance because it's not insurable," said Farnden.

As a charity, STARS receives approximately 24 per

cent of its funding from the Province of Alberta, with the remaining 76 per cent being collected through an annual lottery, calendar campaign, site registrations by industry, and other donations. The County of St. Paul has budgeted \$2 per capita for STARS Air Ambulance since 2016.

"I want to thank you very much for your continued support. I want to thank you for your commitment to your residents in safety and excellence in critical care. Together we have seen positive results, we have seen lives saved," said Farnden.

In addition to the critical care missions flown by the air ambulance service, STARS also provides education and safety programs to healthcare workers.

"So we can bring that to the communities we serve at no cost to the community . . . They can recreate actual trauma cases that we have seen," said Farnden. She noted in 2018 the STARS mobile classroom had come to the St. Paul Health Care Centre to provide training to doctors and nurses, and that it was scheduled to come again in 2019, but has not yet taken place.

Funding for the education programs represents approximately two per cent of STARS expenditures in Alberta according to information provided by Farnden to council. Base operations, aviation, clinical, and dispatch and co-ordination costs combine to approximately 83 per cent of the charity's annual expenditures.

A motion by Amyotte to "continue to support STARS Air Ambulance" was carried with unanimous support.



STARS PRESENTATION -Glenda Farnden, the senior municipal relations liaison for STARS presented County of St. Paul Reeve Steve Upham with a framed photo of STARS in action.

Meredith Kerr photo

Public tips are making a difference, sergeant says

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

"People calling in are making a difference," RCMP Sgt. Dave Henry told Elk Point town council last Monday, adding that such a call had resulted in recovery of "a big haul of stolen goods" recently, when officers located a stolen U-haul truck and charged its occupant. "We would definitely encourage the public to keep calling."

Sgt. Henry reported a busy day, with a warrant roundup that landed seven individuals in jail. "We're making a difference, we recovered property and the owner is happy."

Fuel thefts are becoming more common in the area, and the sergeant said, "These guys are slimy," keeping an eye on who is fueling up and then sneaking in to drain the freshly filled tanks. He suggested video surveillance that alerts authorities "so we can catch them in the act."

The sergeant feels Elk Point's bylaw officer is doing a great job, and "would encourage council to make this an enforcement position so she can write tickets" for

offenses beyond the town's bylaws, such as parking in fire lanes. As it is, she must take the information to the RCMP staff, who can then issue tickets.

"I'm about working together, but this is putting stress on our stenos" with the added workload.

"If you make it a bylaw position with the province, you can make your money back, with 57 per cent of the fines going to the municipality and 43 per cent to the province. Issuing tickets keeps people from doing dumb things."

He also suggested teaming up with the county on the position. "An extra set of eyes can never hurt. It's about slowing people down, parking in handicapped zones."

Mayor Lorne Young thanked the sergeant for the heads-up, and later in the meeting, said he "didn't know it would make more work for the RCMP, that was not our intention."

The town has previously explored the possibility of sharing a peace officer, who would have the authority to write tickets, but none of the other municipalities in the area were interested. Council moved to have administration research the requirements moving forward, based on feedback from the RCMP.

Classified Advertising DELIVERS



Grand Opening

Elk Point & District Airport LED Lighting Upgrades

When: July 25, 2019

Where: Airport (East of Elk Point)

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Community Welcome!!
Airport Tour and BBQ

Town council

(Continued from Front Page)

Intermunicipal Development Plan

An Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) is also part of the ICF, and the draft IDP covering areas of the County of St. Paul immediately adjacent to the town limits and addressing future land use, development, transportation and environmental issues in those areas, was subject of a poorly attended open house last month. Following passing of the first reading of a bylaw approving the plan at last week's meeting, a public hearing has been scheduled for August 12 at 7 p.m. before the final two readings of the bylaw.

The County of St. Paul, the Town of St. Paul and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay will also schedule public hearings around that time for their IDPs.

FARM/HOUSEHOLD AUCTION Saturday July 20, 10 am start

2 Tractors (Case 446 Hydriv and John Deer), Classic Plymouth, 3.0 HP Compressor, Seeder, 3 freezers, antiques, antique singer sewing machine in excellent condition in original desk, Movector E8 Projector, Apple IIC Computer, collectibles, records, 8 tracks, many tools, dishes (including Fire King & Corelle), tractor seats, saddles & tack, and much more!

South of Cold Lake Alberta,
Drive West on Township Road 624
Look for signs
Complete list at www.tilleyauctions.com
Aaron Tilley Auctioneer
Phone: (780) 792 - 8679
tilleyauctions@hotmail.com

Another joint effort of area municipalities is a Storm Water Management Project jointly underway by the county, the summer village and the town of Elk Point. Only five people attended the June 25 open house in Elk Point, where the iPad door prize was won by Agnes Morozuk. The summer village had a much larger attendance of 22 people at their open house last week.

Drowning prevention

Council agreed to proclaim July 21 to 27 as National Drowning Prevention Week in Elk Point.

Update

CAO Ken Gwozdz provided council with a second quarter update on the town's Tactical and Strategic Plans, which show more items ticked off the lengthy list. Under the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework category, Gwozdz said the county has asked him to for the net operating cost of town-owned recreation facilities, such as the golf course, soccer and ball fields and trails, and added that the county will deal directly with organizations that operate their own facilities.

AUMA

With this year's Alberta Urban Municipalities Association conference to be held in Edmonton in September, council was urged to confirm their attendance as soon as possible so they can be registered at the early bird fee.

RCMP facility

The former RCMP Detachment office may be declared surplus in the near future, and the town has been approached to see if they have interest in acquiring the property, which must first be offered to official language minority communities for public purposes. Administration was directed to contact the federal government's real estate strategic advisor to find out what options might be available.

Finances

We are now half way through 2019, and the town's financials are "on track," according to Gwozdz, despite hefty repair costs for some of the major equipment.



Elk Point RCMP, EADRCRU arrest six in joint operation

ELK POINT RCMP

On July 8, 2019 a joint operation was conducted by the Elk Point RCMP, the Eastern Alberta District Rural Crime Reduction Unit (EADRCRU), RCMP Air Services, and Cold Lake Police Dog Services (PDS) to locate and apprehend individuals who were committing crimes with stolen vehicles in the vicinity.

A stolen vehicle was observed by police and fled at a high speed into the community of Fishing Lake. A spike belt was deployed which immobilized the fleeing vehicle onto a rural property.

Three occupants of the vehicle fled on foot and were apprehended while three others continued to flee to another stolen vehicle that had been hidden in a nearby wooded area.

The RCMP helicopter and PDS were utilized to track the three suspects to the second vehicle. The second vehicle was lit on fire before the suspects fled again. Two stolen firearms that had been discarded by the suspects were also located by PDS during the track. One suspect was then located and arrested.

The RCMP helicopter continued observation from the sky when the two remaining suspects surrendered and were arrested by a RCMP Tactical Flight Officer after landing.

“Teamwork is the key to our success,” says Constable Guillaume Wilson (EADRCRU). “We will continue to utilize our specialized units in stopping priority offenders from committing further crimes in our communities.”

A 24-year-old from Cold Lake was charged with multiple offences, including: flight from police, arson, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, possession of property obtained by crime and two counts each of careless use of a firearm, possession of a weapon obtained by crime, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle. At the time of his arrest he was wanted on a warrant from Cold Lake.

An 18-year-old from Cold Lake First Nation was charged with multiple offences, including: flight from police, arson, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, possession of property obtained by crime and two counts each of careless use of a firearm, possession of a weapon obtained by crime, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle and failing to comply with conditions of a recognizance. At the time of his arrest he was wanted on warrants in Cold Lake.

A 21-year-old man from Fishing Lake was charged with multiple offences, including: flight from police, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, possession of property obtained by crime and failing to comply with a recognizance.

A 20-year-old woman from Fishing Lake was charged with multiple offences, including: flight from police, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, possession of property obtained by crime and two counts of failing to comply with a recognizance.

A second 20-year-old Fishing Lake woman was charged with multiple offences, including: flight from police, arson, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, possession of property obtained by crime and two counts each of careless use of a firearm, possession of a weapon obtained by crime, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle, two counts of possession of a weapon contrary to an order and being unlawfully in a dwelling house.

A 24-year-old from Elizabeth Metis Settlement was charged with multiple offences, including: flight from police, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and possession of property obtained by crime.

The men from Cold Lake and Cold Lake First Nation were remanded into custody after a judicial hearing and were scheduled to appear in St. Paul Provincial Court on July 11.

The remaining four were released after a judicial hearing. One was scheduled to appear in St. Paul Provincial Court July 11 while the other accused are scheduled for Aug. 1, 2019.

RCMP AIR SERVICES were called in to help with the joint operation and spotted the burning vehicle, below, in a flight over the wooded area.

RCMP photos



**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR #100 - ST. PAUL**

Sponsored by Shirley's Catering

Friday, July 19, 2019
Kids for Jesus
STEAK SUPPER

New Members Welcome

COCKTAILS 5:00 P.M. • SUPPER 6:00 P.M.
\$16.00 ADULTS • \$8.00 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER

**MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE**
www.mls.ca

**ELK POINT REALTY**

**REALTOR.ca PROPERTIES**

4908-48 St., Elk Point
780-724-4777

**Don Conrad**
Owner Broker
780-614-0204

**Sharon Smith**
Realtor®
780-645-9774

**Ron Smith**
Associate Broker
780-645-0105

**NEW PRICE**
5018 RAILWAY AVENUE
ELK POINT
GREAT VALUE WITH MANY OPTIONS!
This unique 2 bdrm bungalow has a GREAT location, just one block off Main Street. Consists of 2 lots w/ 10' of frontage, some furniture & appls, det garage.
MLS# - E4116557 • \$59,000

**LAKEFRONT PROP**
#338, 11121 TWP RD595
UPPER MANN LAKE
UNIQUE, PRIVATE, 3 SEASON, 2 BDRM CABIN!
36 Acres, screened veranda, det guest rm, cook house w/ lg dining area, some furniture & appls, blog, fire pit, picnic table, maint equip & boat access.
MLS# - E4163776 • \$99,000

**NEW LISTING**
#100, 56524 RRD52A
LINDBERGH
PRIVATE, PARK-LIKE SETTING ON .63 ACRES!
Well maintained, completely finished bungalow, 3 bdrms, appliances, window coverings, deck, detached garage, out buildings & 24x20' heated shop.
MLS# - E4164580 • \$109,900

**NEW PRICE**
5121 - 50 STREET
ELK POINT
PRICED RIGHT FOR A GREAT BUY!
1112 sq ft, 3 bdrm bungalow, corner lot, vaulted ceilings, appliances, lg windows, dbl att garage, fruit trees. Very close to schools & downtown.
MLS# - E4141541 • \$125,000

**UPGRADED**
10303-HWY 29
CTY OF ST. PAUL
17.7 ACRES-4 MILES W OF ST. PAUL!
Well kept, 1002 sq ft 4 bdrm bungalow, hot tub, guest flrs, appls, deck, dbl det garage with work bay, dog out & front trees. GREAT water supply!
MLS# - E4131775 • \$365,000

**19.64 ACRES**
56522 SEC HWY 881
CTY OF ST. PAUL
NATURE LOVERS PARADISE @ THOBEN LAKE
1320 sq ft home, 4 bdrms, 3 baths, open concept, vinyl ceilings, appls, W/O basement, decks, shed, att det garage. Waterfront access.
MLS# - E4105895 • \$450,000

EDITORIAL

Great community involvement

We all know that the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department is there when we need them, in case of an emergency, and they all show up with flashing lights and sirens to wrap up every parade in town. They also visit the Elementary School each year during Fire Prevention Week, to promote safety to the students and at Easter, they're happy to fill their fire hall with hungry breakfasters and eager Easter egg hunters.

This year, they've taken it a giant step forward, and not only showed up at the 4-H windup party to play volleyball with the members, but they got totally involved in the Canada Day events.

We knew they'd be in the parade, and we knew they were planning a fundraising Car Smash, but we didn't know that they would also be available to pitch in and help with everything else and cheer up a gloomy day, along with getting involved in the fun itself, from the pie eating contest to the jousting ring.

Now, that's what we call real involvement!

RECREATION CORNER

A look back at Canada Day

CRISTIN TCHIR
Recreation Coordinator

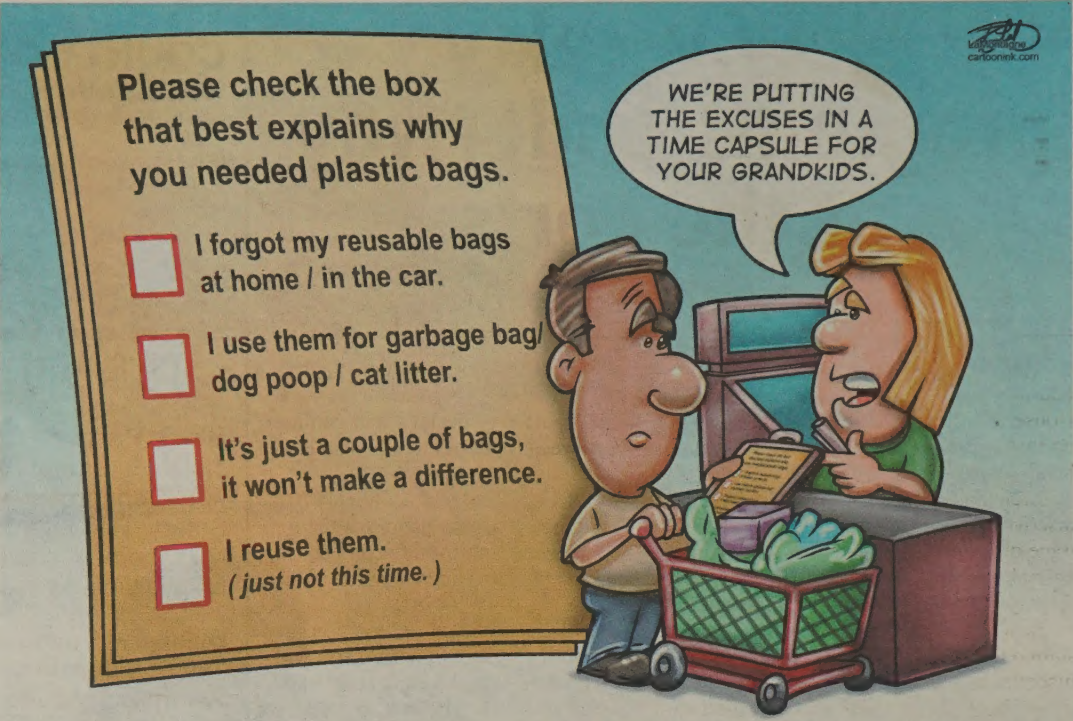
For my first year as Recreation Coordinator I envisioned so much for Canada Day, rented carnival games, had main stage performer Ben Sures, The Fakeley Sisters, dancers and a pie eating contest, all of which were to take place outside at the Canada Day stage...

On Sunday, we drove up to Edmonton to pick up the carnival games and set them up in the arena while the Stoney Lake group set up the beer garden tent...in the wind. Awoke Monday morning to the sun shining and what was feeling like it was going to be a beautiful day, I even contemplated not taking a coat, we headed down to the grounds to finish set up, which included hanging sponsor banners, setting up and securing the Hi Striker, loading and unloading chairs and tables for the beer gardens. The sun was starting to go behind the clouds a little and the weather was calling for showers, like 1-3 mm, no biggie.

We proceeded down to Main Street and handed out Canadian flag tattoos to the crowd. The wind was starting to pick up and the sun was now gone, it was cold. Thankfully the rain held off for the parade, but that was it, from then on, it was wet and cold, very cold, six degrees cold (insert crying inside).

Back up at the arena, we made a mad dash to move everything inside, sound, tables and chairs all had to be moved while anxious families waited patiently in the arena lobby. I have never been more thankful for our arena. Once everything was set up, and a few tweaks were made to the program, we made it work and I think it was a success...the Fire Department and our RCMP members sure seemed to have fun, (if you don't know what I'm talking about head to our Facebook or Instagram page).

Although it rained on MY parade, I'm glad it didn't rain for THE parade and fun was had by all ages, no one got hurt, everyone was fed, thanks to the Pond Hockey parents for working the concession booth. Thank you to the Canada Day Committee members who pulled together to turn the day around, and thank you to all who came out and had fun, it can't rain two years in a row...Right?



WAY BACK WHEN...

Constituency border change, Community Services, fort found

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES IN THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 15 IN....

1984

According to an interim report from the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission, petitioners in the Elk Point area were successful in having the boundary of the St. Paul constituency moved southward to coincide with the south boundary of the County of St. Paul.

Alberta Transportation announced a major improvement project for 11 miles of Highway 41 south of Elk Point, bringing it to modern standards.

1989

Town council studied the possibility of combining the Family and Community Support Services and the Recreation and Culture boards and departments into a single entity known as the Community Services board and department, as was done in a number of other towns, some with a single director and some with one for each of the two divisions. The Class of 1964 came home, with over 30 students and nine of their teachers present for the day of reminiscing about "the good old days." 1994

MLA Paul Langevin said he would not rejoin the Liberal caucus, even after the leader he denounced, Lawrence Decore, stepped down from the party's helm, saying that Decore's leadership was "contrary to everything I campaigned on," and feeling he could serve the constituency better as an independent.

1999

Stoney Lake stampeded in bright sunshine, after being dogged with downpours the previous year, with the Grand Entry pausing for a minute of silence in memory of past president John Kiss, who had recently passed away, before moving into the rodeo action,

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

where local cowboy Matt Veer won the Calf Roping with a 12.0 second run.

2004

The lost was found, and the handcrafted model of Fort George, loaned for a school display in Cold Lake nearly a decade earlier and with its whereabouts unknown since that time, was returned to Fort George and Buckingham House Interpretive Centre by Cold Lake Museum's Terry Hansen, who said the museum board was glad to find out where it belonged.

Elk Point Christian Community Church celebrated ten years of worship, with Pastor Dick Upham leading the service and Rev. Sam Donaldson, its founding pastor, on hand to give the benediction.

2009

A lack of entries in the Canada Day Yard Decorating Contest led to a decision that next year, downtown businesses would be encouraged to "pretty up the parade route," with a general consensus that Elk Point should strive to take part in the Communities in Bloom competition as this could be a huge asset to the community.

Elk Point Sox improved their record to 11 wins and seven losses for the season.

2014

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce spent their final meeting prior to the summer break for an in-depth discussion of the chamber's financial situation, which has the organization currently carrying a \$150,000 debt load dating back to the building of the Visitor Information EcoCentre. Since the building's completion in 2011, the loan had been paid down from \$190,000 and interest is paid monthly, but paying down the principal has proved to be difficult, due to the shortage of volunteer time to run fundraisers.

Despite the early afternoon downpour, Elk Point's 2014 Canada Day celebrations were "the best we've ever been to," one enthusiast told a member of the Canada Day Committee prior to the committee's July 3 wrap-up meeting. That was just the kind of feedback the committee needed to hear, as they scrutinized the day's lengthy schedule, and made notes of improvements to be made in the future.

Elk Point Review

5022 - 49 Avenue, Elk Point, AB

Mailing Address:

Box 309, Elk Point, Alberta T0A 1A0
or Box 159, St. Paul, Alberta T0A 3A0

Publisher: Clare Gauvreau Editor: Vicki Brooker
Email Address: vbrooker@stpaul.greatwest.ca

Advertisements designed, set and produced by the Elk Point Review as well as pictures, news, editorial content and other printing material are protected by copyright and may not be reproduced without the expressed written permission of the Publisher.

Advertising is accepted on the condition that, in the event of a typographical error, that portion of the advertisement occupied by the erroneous item will not be charged for, but the balance of the advertisement will be paid for at the applicable rate.



Vicki Brooker
EDITOR



Melanie McRae
SALES
FRONT DESK

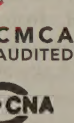
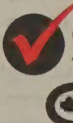


Doug Bassett
SPORTS

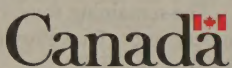
ADVERTISING DEADLINE

Classified Ads - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday Display Ads - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday
Phone 780-724-4087 email: mmcrae@greatwest.ca Fax 780-724-

4087 SUBSCRIPTIONS: Local - \$44 (1 year), Other - \$52 (1 year) Affiliated
Member of the Alberta Weekly Newspaper Association,
Canadian Community Newspapers Association



Funded by the
Government
of Canada



New weekly programs underway at the Forts

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

This year, under the new leadership of program coordinator Suzanna Wagner, you won't want to wait for a big event to head out to Fort George and Buckingham House, southeast of Elk Point, because while there is a very special event coming up in August, there are also two special days every week, both of them focusing on hands-on activities.

Archaeological digs have explored the history of Fort George since the 1970s, discovering the exact sites of each of the fort's buildings, what the people of the fur trade did in each one and how they lived, by finding everything from trade beads to animal bones to pieces of black powder rifles. Some of those finds are part of the displays in today's multimedia interpretive centre.

Now it's your turn to dig into the past. Archaeology Mondays at Fort George started last week, and will continue every Monday until August 26, where you will discover how and where these digs were done and how those archaeologists learned more about the fur trade as they examined the things people left behind.

At these Monday sessions, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., you can join the interpreters at Fort George to try a different family-friendly activity each week. These activities include mapping a dig site, locating artifacts in the mock dig pits, and discovering the stories these artifacts tell, as you and your family experience how archeologists discover and interpret the past.

No registration is required for these drop-in programs.

And then, on Wednesdays, you can learn some very useful skills that date all the way back to the early fur trade and were used by the people who lived, worked and traveled in the river valley parkland around Fort George and Buckingham House back in 1792.

Want to learn to light a fire without using matches? What plant makes a natural sunscreen? Do you know how to make a map? Bushcraft Wednesdays will teach you how.

This program also started last week on July 10th and will be running until August 28th with a new bushcraft skill each Wednesday between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to try out a wilderness skill the way the people of the fur trade did it back in 1792. You are reminded to come prepared for the weather, as most of these activities will take place outdoors.

Once again, no registration is required - just drop by and learn some two-century-old skills that are still very useful today.

And as for the big event... that is coming up in August, as Fort George and Buckingham House celebrates the 250th birthday of one of the people who made the forts happen - Hudson's Bay Company fur trader and fort builder Peter Fidler. Watch for more details, coming soon.

Elk Point RCMP seeking public assistance regarding stolen firearms

ELK POINT RCMP

On July 8, 2019 the Elk Point RCMP responded to a report of a break and enter from a residence in the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement which took place between July 5-7, 2019. A green Stackon gun safe, containing 16 firearms, was stolen from the residence.

Of the firearms stolen,

there were two Chiappa rifles, several Henry rifles (10), one Marlin bolt action rifle, one Uberti rifle, and two Winchester rifles. All stolen firearms are hunting rifles; most are .22 calibers. The total value of the stolen firearms is over \$10,000.

Police are asking anyone with information regarding a suspect or

whereabouts of the firearms to contact the Elk Point RCMP at 780-724-3964 or their local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store."

more than that," said Fodchuk.

She said the issue of where continued funding for the program will come from will be discussed at the next County FCSS board meeting, scheduled for July 25.

"My board and myself are strong believers in community counselling and so I know that we'll figure out a way to either massage some of our other programs, or not have other programs, just so we can continue to have community counselling," said Fodchuk.

"We see the value. If we save one kid, one adult, one person, one human being, it's worth it. So I'm not worried about not having money there."

Counseling

(Continued from Front Page)

The community counselling program subsidizes short term counselling for individuals, families and groups. They also provide referral services if the client needs long-term help or care, which falls outside the FCSS mandate. All decisions are made on a case-by-case basis following an application process that factors in income and the number of children in a family.

"Then it goes on a floating scale, so you could pay anything from \$0 to \$120, and counselling usually costs

See more County of St. Paul Council news coverage on Page 8

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

5015 - 49 Avenue, St. Paul, Alberta, T0A 3A4
www.county.stpaul.ab.ca

Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences



HIGHLIGHTS

July 9, 2019 Council Meeting

Block Party - FCSS will be hosting a block on July 27 from 12 to 3 pm at Westcove Park. Members of the St. Paul Fire Department will be there to share information on Fire Smart. Representatives from the Ag Service Board, Waste Management and Planning and Development Departments will be available to answer questions.

Bylaws - Council gave approved Bylaw 2019-11 to redistrict 140.85 acres in Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1120579 in NE 30-58-9-W4 from Agricultural to Industrial/Commercial.

Council also gave first reading to Bylaw 2019-19 to amend the Section 2.5 of the Municipal Development Plan to provide a notwithstanding clause, permitting legal access to the development on Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1120579 (contained within NE 30-58-9-W4) to be created by way of access easement.

Bylaw 2019-18 to amend Section 7.30 of Land Use Bylaw 2013-50 passed first reading. The proposed amendment is a notwithstanding clause for Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1120579 permitting the installation and operation of a disposal field or treatment mound as soils dictate. The system shall meet the required of the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice Regulation (2015).

Council also approved 2019-12 to amend the Municipal Development Plan and Bylaw 2019-13 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to allow the creation of a 32 acre parcel within the Agriculture District.

Intermunicipal Development Plans - As a requirement resulting from the changes to the Municipal Government Act, all municipalities with common borders must complete and adopt Intermunicipal Development Plans by April 1, 2020. Through funding provided by an Alberta Community Partnership Grant, the County along with the Towns of Elk Point and St. Paul and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay have worked with ISL Engineer and Land Services to develop the plans. Council gave first reading to bylaw 2019-15 adopting the Intermunicipal Development Plan with the Town of St. Paul; Bylaw 2019-16 with the Town of Elk Point and Bylaw 2019-17 with the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. The draft plans can be viewed on the County Website under Government Resources, Planning and Development, IDPs.

Operational Plan - The second quarter of the 2019 Operational Plan was approved by Council. The plan can be viewed on the County website under Government Resources.

Beaver Reduction Incentive Program - The Beaver reduction incentive program ran from April 15 to June 28th. The area where the beavers were trapped has been plotted on a map to determine trouble spots and whether it is affecting County infrastructure. The program will resume for the months of September and October, 2019.

Online Credit Card Payment Option - The County has set up a new option to make a payment by credit card - Option Pay. Any Accounts Receivable, Utilities or Property Tax invoice can now be paid through Option Pay. Go to the County Home Page and scroll past the Webmap. Click on the green OptionPay tab and fill in the required information - Tax, Utilities or Other (when paying accounts receivable). Please note there is a fee to use this service, which is calculated on the screen when you enter the payment amount. This fee is paid directly to Option Pay.

Funding Support:

- \$500 - U12D Girls Softball to attend Provincials
- \$500 - U14D Girls Softball to attend Provincials
- \$7,500 - Town of St. Paul for Canada Day Celebration
- \$12,936 - STARS Annual Contribution

For more information contact
Tim Mahdiuk, Interim CAO, County of St. Paul
At 780-645-3301, ext. 208

Lakeland Northstars aim for AA Provincials

Although it may not look like it to a spectator, baseball is not an easy game to play. It takes a whole lot of skill and practice to get good at it. It doesn't just happen overnight. And sometimes you need to be challenged and lose a few games to get better. Don't worry about winning every single game if you want to get better. Look at the bigger picture. Playing teams of a higher caliber may not always be fun, but if you pay attention you will learn all the little things that you can work on as a team.

The Lakeland Northstars bantam team is playing in the Baseball Alberta top Tier on the AA league. Their goal is to win the Provincial AA Tier 1 tournament held on the August long weekend in St. Albert. By winning the



doug
BASSETT

Review Sports

AA Tier 1 tournament they will be the Alberta team representative at the Western Canada Finals a few weeks later. This past Thursday, they tested their skills and hosted an AAA team from Lloydminster at Wilson Field. Starting the game, they took an early three-run lead in the bottom of the first inning. They held onto the lead into the third inning when the Twins eventually caught up and then took the lead for the rest of the game. The Twins would win the game in the end by 10 runs. But the Northstars never really looked like they couldn't compete at this level. The coaching staff of Tyler Warawa and Sheldon Ballas used a new pitcher ever inning. Getting the nod to start the game, chucker Keagan Locke never

even allowed a run. Nolan Dechaine and Andon 'Ace' Ballas coming in to hurl in the second and third inning consecutively allowing only one earned run each, while pitching. Colton Lacoursiere, Evan Gauthier, Seth Colbourne, Zachary Lapointe and Brent Hoshowski all were throwing one inning each. At the plate, Evan Gauthier with a double, two singles and one RBI, Seth Colbourne with two singles, Colton Lacoursiere and Coby 'the Cobra' Warawa both with a RBI single, Zachary Lapointe and Kamden Brunet both each with a two RBI singles, Andon 'Ace' Ballas with a single.

The fielding was very good on this night too. The Northstars infield turning a double play plus snagging a few

hard hit grounders for the outs. Out in the outfield, Coby the 'Cobra' Warawa making a Kevin Pillar-type diving and head first sliding catch when the bases were juiced to save at least two runs.

Tonight the Northstars will be playing in provincial round robin action right here at home against Wainwright at Wilson Field. Game time is 6.30. Come on out to the ball game!

The Midget Sox played in Chestermere this past weekend, winning over Parkland and Leduc and losing a close one 9 to 8 to the host team.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "A man may make mistakes, but he isn't a failure until he starts blaming someone else." -John Wooden



Summer Reading Program underway

The Elk Point Municipal Library's 2019 Summer Reading Program started off last week, with the Tuesday-Thursday group making signs from twigs under the direction of coordinator Darby Swedgan.



Call the Experts

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

TIRECRAFT
COMPLETE AUTO SERVICE
& SALES

ALIGNMENTS
BRAKES
SHOCKS
INSPECTIONS

TUNE-UPS
TIRES - REPAIRS
DIAGNOSTICS
DOMESTIC - IMPORTS

780-645-3456
5202-50 AVE. ST. PAUL
completeautoservice@hotmail.ca

CLEANING SERVICES

Donna's
Painting &
House Cleaning
Services

Phone: 780-724-4414
Cell: 780-614-1952

DRYWALL

CARTER'S DRYWALL

- Taping
- Boarding
- Renovations

Specializing in flood repair
Cory Carter 780-210-0953
email: carterdrywall@hotmail.com

FENCING

Dave's Custom Fencing

barb wire chain link
wood rail corrals
bobcat services available

In business since 2001

Call Dave:
cell: 780.208.7118
res: 780.657.2660
fax: 780.657.2670

Box 136
Brosseau, AB
T0B 0P0

24 HR. TOWING
24 HR. LOCK-OUT SERVICE

BPK
AUTO & TRUCK PARTS

Complete Mechanical Repair
Used auto & truck parts • Used tire sales
WE PURCHASE VEHICLES FOR DISMANTLING
PARTS LOCATOR SYSTEM.

780-645-2363 located on the corner of Hwy. 881 South & Armistice Road

COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE

TALLTECH COMPUTER SOLUTIONS

"THE TALLEST TECH IN TOWN"

Specializing in business networks:
Equipment Installation and Maintenance
Hardware / Software Troubleshooting and Repair

"20+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE"

Kevin Brundage Phone: 780-645-2415
Network Specialist Email: talltech@gmail.com

ELECTRICAL

BP POWER SOLUTIONS

BRYAN PEDERSON
Master Electrician - 15 years experience

Phone 780-719-7508 • electricbnc@gmail.com

AREAS OF EXPERTISE INCLUDE:
Renovations • Lighting • Data Cabling
Generators • Shops • New Developments
Alternative Energy • Fire Alarm Systems

Residential & Commercial Electrical • Fully licensed & insured
Authorized Installer for Lakeland Lighting
Serving Northern Alberta

HOME SERVICES

You Dump It, We Pump It

JEFF'S SEPTIC TANK SERVICE

and Porta-Potty Rentals
Box 5, Myrnam, AB, T0B 3K0

Tel: (780) 366-3855
Cell: (780) 581-3867
Abe: (780) 210-0431

CATERING

BITCHIN' KITCHEN

CATERING
Sylvie Hnatiuk
Duvernay
403-968-0499
Bitchinkitchen@mcsnet.ca
Follow us on Facebook

No catering job too small
Business lunches, weddings, etc.

CONCRETE

E.R. LaB
Concrete Ltd.
Robert LaBine

Over 40 years experience and still going strong!

780-645-4267
780-614-9000 Box 372
St. Paul, Alberta
T0A 3A0

Free Estimates!

FARM SERVICES

LEWIS CATTLE OILERS
Sales & Service

RYAN MULKAY
Spedden, AB
780-614-5574

Email: amulkay@telus.net MADE IN CANADA

INSURANCE SERVICES

ELK POINT INSURANCE LTD.
Est. Since 1956

4826 - 50 Street
Elk Point, Alberta T0A 1A0
Bus. 780-724-3926
Fax 780-724-2424
Toll Free 1-888-724-3922

- All Classes of General Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Alberta Registries

Your Insurance Broker Understands

CONSTRUCTION SERVICE

ROGER LABINE'S CONCRETE
& BOBCAT SERVICES

Experience counts!
Free Estimates: 780-614-7430

Garage Pads, Grade Beams, Placing & Finishing, Etc.
(Res./Com), Bobcat Work, Mini Hoe, Jackhammer Att., Piling
Sidewalks, Driveways, Mini Excavation Services,
Small Reno's & Decks, Etc.

Box 944, St. Paul, AB, T0A 3A0
OVER 47 YEARS IN BUSINESS

SHADY LAWN STOCK FARM
BLACK ANGUS

THE BRAND THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

JIM & MILDRED ORR
Elk Point, AB T0A 1A0
Phone: 780-724-2360 | 780-645-0963

SHIRLEY'S CATERING
UKRAINIAN DISHES
& MANY OTHER DISHES
Medium or Large
WEDDINGS AND BANQUETS

Call / Fax
780-645-6683
Cell
780-645-8563

YOU COULD BE
ADVERTISING
YOUR PRODUCT
IN THIS SPACE

Call
780-724-4087
for more information.

CLASSIFIED AD RATES**ELK POINT REVIEW** Tuesdays - \$10.50 per week + GST**ST. PAUL JOURNAL** Tuesdays - \$11.50 per week + GST**BONNYVILLE NOUVELLE** Tuesdays - \$12.75 per week + GST**LAKELAND REGIONAL** Mondays - \$11.75 per week + GST**COMBINATION OF 4 PAPERS - \$33.00 / WEEK**

(20 cents per word per newspaper insert over 20 words)

**lakeland marketplace
COMBINATION CLASSIFIEDS**Your classified ad can be read
in over 10,000 papers.Select your classified readership for as
little as \$10.50 / week.

Corrections - The publisher will be responsible for only one insertion as a correction. It is the responsibility of the purchaser of the classified ad to check their ad after the first publication and let us know if there is a mistake before the next insertion is printed. The publisher will not be responsible for errors in classified ads that have been phoned.

THE WINNING TEAMYOU
AND THE
CLASSIFIEDS
GET YOU
WHERE YOU
WANT TO GO

Place your order at either of our offices:

Elk Point Review - 780-724-4087**St. Paul Journal - 780-645-3342**

130. Coming Events 130. Coming Events

**WANTED
DEAD OR ALIVE****Canadian Prairie Pickers**

are once again touring the area.

Paying Cash For Coin Collections, Silver & Gold Coins,
Royal Can. Mint Sets. Also Buying Gold Jewelry

We purchase rolls, bags or boxes of silver coins

PAYING HIGHEST PRICESTo arrange a free, discrete in-home visit call
Kellie at 778-257-8647

FIREARMS WANTED FOR
August 17th, 2019 Live &
Online Auction: Rifles,
Shotguns, Handguns,
Militaria, Auction or Purchase:
Collections, Estates, individual
items. Contact Paul, Switzer's
Auction. Toll-Free
1-800-694-2609;
info@switzersauction.com or
www.switzersauction.com.

200. Business/Invest. Oppor.

HIP/KNEE REPLACEMENT.
Trouble walking or other
conditions causing restrictions
in daily activities? Up to
\$50,000.00 in Refunds &
Benefits available. CALL
NOW! Disability Tax Credit
1-844-453-5372. BBB
Approved.

Classifieds**GET THE
JOB DONE!**

Buy • Sell • Trade • Rent • Hire

190. Announcements

VERNA PEEBLES (nee
McArthur) 90th Birthday. An
open house in celebration will
be held Saturday, July 27,
2019 1:00-5:00pm Renfrew
Community Association 811
Radford Road NE, Calgary
403-520-7732 /
VernaPeebles90@gmail.com.

515. Notices

515. Notices

**REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN**
albertamastersgames.ca
AUGUST 22-25, 2019

**2019 ALBERTA
MASTERS GAMES**

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE
CLEARWATER COUNTY

1005. Help Wanted 1005. Help Wanted

**MD of St. Paul Foundation
Manager- Elk Point Heritage Lodge (Supportive Living)**

MD of St. Paul Foundation is a Non-Profit organization that has been providing affordable supportive living accommodations to seniors for 20 years. Elk Point Heritage Lodge one of our Lodges, in the Town of Elk Point has been in existence since 1986 and has 50 units, of which 10 are Supportive Living Level 3. As a provider of safe, affordable, quality accommodation, we offer competitive salaries & excellent working conditions for our team of employees. This position is full time, mainly daytime hours, however as the manager you may be required to respond outside of regular hours. We are seeking an experienced leader to manage the day to day operations of our seniors supportive living facility Elk Point Heritage Lodge.

This is a hands-on management position that provides an exciting opportunity for someone who enjoys a multi-faceted role. This position reports directly to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and is responsible for leading a team, facility management, resident relations, resident health and wellness, hospitality services, budget management and safety and security.

Experience/Education:

- Minimum of five years of progressive management experience, ideally in a congregate living environment
- Experience working with Seniors
- Site Manager's Certificate Course would be an asset
- Knowledge of Supportive Housing Operations
- Strong English communication skills, both written and verbal
- Demonstrate organizational and planning skills, problem solving skills and critical thinking
- Strong customer service skills including the ability to interact with seniors in a respectful manner
- Positive, willing and flexible attitude.
- Good interpersonal skills in order to communicate effectively with staff, residents, outside agencies, government departments, industry and the public.
- Strong computer skills in Microsoft Office

Qualified candidates are encouraged to forward their resumes in confidence to Brigitte Sakaluk at
4440 50 Ave.
St. Paul, Alberta
T0A 3A2
Fax: 780 645 5733
b.sakaluk@stpaulfoundation.ca
Closing date: July 26, 2019

While we sincerely appreciate all applications, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. The successful applicant will be required to undergo a criminal records check. For information about our Foundation please visit our website at www.stpaulfoundation.ca

1005. Help Wanted 1005. Help Wanted 1005. Help Wanted

SEEKING MEMBER-AT-LARGE

The Town of Elk Point is seeking a Town Resident to sit as a member-at-large on the Joint Family and Community Support Services Board. Member will serve on the board with Elected Officials as well as members-at-large from the Town of Elk Point and County of St. Paul.

- Promote the development of community partnerships with individuals and groups;
- Promote awareness of Family and Community Support Services programs and mandate;
- Review the annual budget for Family and Community Support Services program;
- The Board meets on an as needed basis;
- Term: 1 year;

In a written submission, please describe your skills/knowledge you would bring to the board, and how the Town of Elk Point would benefit from your participation on the board/committee. We thank all applicants for your submission.

Please drop off your written submission before
August 13, 2019 at 4:00 PM at:

Town of Elk Point Administration Office
4914 - 50 Avenue, Po Box 448
Elk Point, Alberta
T0A 1A0

-Or-

Email your written submission to:
cao@elkpoint.ca

1500. Help Wanted — Alta.

JOURNALISTS, Graphic Artists, Marketing and more. Alberta's Weekly Newspapers are looking for people like you. Post your resume online. Free. Visit www.awna.com/resumes_add.php.

3210. Misc. For Sale

METAL ROOFING & SIDING. 37+ colors available at over 55 Distributors. 40 year warranty. 24-48 hour Express Service available at supporting Distributors. Call 1-888-263-8254.

4310. Grain/Feed/Hay

HEATED CANOLA buying Green, Heated or Spring-thrashed Canola. Buying: oats, barley, wheat & peas for feed. Buying damaged or offgrade grain. "On Farm Pickup". Westcan Feed & Grain. 1-877-250-5252.

3010. Auctions

3010. Auctions

**UNRESERVED
AUCTION**
THURS., AUG. 1ST - 10:30 AM- DALE FEDORUK
From Mundare 4 mi N on 855 & 7 mi East PH: 403-588-2936

Case 8010; 1480 hrs; 30' Straight Cut • 1997 Freightliner Tandem Gr. Truck • Doepker 44' TRIAXLE • NEW 45' D. LAND ROLLER • JD 1820 - 45' AIR DRILL • Rogator 90' SPRAYER • 873 BOBCAT • Case 9350 & MUCH, MUCH MORE
SELLING FOR RON BILLYK - PH: 780-603-1348 2014 JD S680; 873 hrs • 2014 Challenger 36' SWATHER; 288 hrs • 2013 Morris 61' AIR DRILL • 2007 VERSATILE 2335; 2535 hrs • 2012 NH T7235 MFWD Tractor c/w Loader; 1102 hrs • Trucks • Premium Equipment ON OFFER - BRIEF LISTING

ED PRODANIUK AUCTIONS
www.prodaniukauctions.com
www.globalauctionguide.com

**UNRESERVED
AUCTION**
ANTIQUES - JULY 26TH & 27TH - 10 AM- FOR THE WILSONS
Phone: 403-823-9370 or 403-321-0042 (Jim)
From Drumheller 12 km East on Hwy 576, 2 km S & 1/2 km W
SELLING FRIDAY Approx. 50 Stationaries • Telephones • Washing Machines • Lamps • Stove • Wagons • Harness & Smalls
SELLING SATURDAY Samson M • 3 Case Cross Motor Tractors • 2AC's #9206 & #9706 • 30 More Tractors • WALLIS M • 1919 Fageol Truck • Model T's • TD9 Plus Variety of Old Vehicles, Equipment & Parts
MANY ARE PROJECT UNITS

ED PRODANIUK AUCTIONS
www.prodaniukauctions.com
www.globalauctionguide.com

4005. Cattle

**Bulls
For Sale**
Good selection of
Two Year Old Charolais,
Red and Black Angus Bulls.
Semen Tested. \$4500 - \$5500.
Ray Murphy
780-826-5477

7245. Misc. Services

CRIMINAL RECORD? Why suffer employment/licensing loss? Travel/business opportunities? Be embarrassed? Think: Criminal Pardon. US entry waiver. Record purge. File destruction. Free consultation. 1-800-347-2540. www.accesslegalmjf.com.

GET BACK ON TRACK! Bad credit? Bills? Unemployed? Need Money? We Lend! If you own your own home - you qualify. Pioneer Acceptance Corp. Member BBB. 1-877-987-1420. www.pioneerwest.com.

7310. Health Services

GET UP TO \$50,000 from the Government of Canada. Do you or someone you know have any of these conditions? ADHD, Anxiety, Arthritis, Asthma, Cancer, COPD, Depression, Diabetes, Difficulty Walking, Fibromyalgia, Irritable Bowels, Overweight, Trouble Dressing and hundreds more. All ages & medical conditions qualify. Call the benefits program 1-(800)-211-3550 or send a text message with your name and mailing address to 403-980-3605 for your free benefits package.

**CALL 780-724-4087
TO ADVERTISE**



What can Great West Digital do for your business?

We build smart, effective
marketing campaigns
using a holistic strategy.

At Great West Digital, we understand that our clients have a wide variety of needs. Some businesses need a new website, while others might be looking to drive traffic to their existing website or their physical business. Whatever the case, we have you covered.

With every project, we start fresh with our clients. That means we complete a Client Discovery to ensure we understand the needs of your business. From there we'll recommend services so you don't have to worry about getting sucked into the vortex of the internet while researching solutions for your business. We work with you every step of the way to ensure that you understand the benefits of our solutions because client satisfaction is our first priority.

Find the right solution
for your business...

**GREAT WEST
DIGITAL**
A DIVISION OF GREAT WEST NEWSPAPERS

greatwestdigital.ca
tel: 780.460.5502

County of St. Paul to put pressure on MLAs

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

The County of St. Paul wants to meet with area MLAs and ministerial staff, following a discussion of rural crime at the July 9 county council meeting.

"I think if you're going to advocate, I've never had it once where we go to the RCMP and they say 'Yeah, just go to us for some more staff.' It never works. You've got to go above them to the people that control the money," said Reeve Steve Upham.

"They can find the money when they have to," said Div. 6 Coun. Laurent Amyotte.

"It should be an annual thing or a semi-annual type thing," said Div. 1 Coun. Darrell Younghans.

"Even infrastructure. We need to talk about 881. We need to get in that door sooner than convention time," said Div. 4 Coun. Maxine Fodness.

A motion by Younghans to pursue a meeting between county council and area MLAs Glenn van Dijken and Dave Hanson, with councillors to provide the agenda items to be discussed at the meeting; carried with unanimous support.

Capella Centre request deferred

The Capella Centre's request for sponsorship was deferred to strategic planning following a motion by Fodness. The request was tabled at the previous meeting in order to receive further information about the number of county residents who use the facility.

"Their stats are basically in town and out of town, so we don't know how many county residents are using their facility or not," said Tim Mahdiuk, interim chief administrative officer for the County of St. Paul.

The Capella Centre provides emergency shelter, crisis care, and ongoing support to people experiencing domestic violence. According to the information provided to council, the centre has been operating at 80 per cent capacity or higher since their expansion was completed in the spring. The centre includes a 24-bed emergency shelter and two second stage apartments.

AlphaBow Energy denied tax deferral

Council voted to deny a request for tax deferral from AlphaBow Energy Ltd. According to county administration, property taxes for the Calgary based company are "\$9,358.46 on three rolls. They paid 10 per cent of the taxes on each tax roll on June 26. They are suggesting that they will pay another 20 per cent of their outstanding property taxes and agree to pay the remaining amount when the reassessments are complete, if council will defer all remaining taxes and waive any penalties."

Earlier this month, the provincial government announced a 35 per cent reduction on the industrial property taxes collected by municipalities for shallow gas wells and pipelines. The reduction would be offset by a corresponding reduction in the education property taxes paid by the municipality to the province. According to a representative from Municipal Affairs, there will be no reduction in the bottom line for municipalities.

AlphaBow Energy Ltd. is a shallow gas well company operating primarily in Central Alberta. According to Municipal Affairs, they have a total of 438 wells eligible for the tax relief program. According to the AlphaBow Energy website, they also have some joint ventures with Husky Energy and Pengrowth Energy, both major players in the County of St. Paul.

"If we give them a break we're going to need to go back to the rest of our ratepayers and say 'hey we need a little extra because we gave them a break' and that's not fair," said Amyotte. He also stated he didn't think the way the province was going about things in the right way for natural gas and expressed support for an approach similar to the production cap currently in place for oil.

"I think it sets a dangerous precedent, especially when the provincial government is already involved," said Div. 3 Coun. Cliff Martin, before making the motion to deny the request. The motion carried with unanimous support.

Frog Lake Cemetery expansion

The County of St. Paul will help the Frog Lake Cemetery with preparations for an expansion this summer. The cemetery is located on Township Road 562, roughly one mile west of Highway 897.

"Our projected expansion will be double the size it is now, because right now it's full, there's no plots to bury people in," said Dean Smith, the vice president of the Frog Lake Cemetery Board.

"It's a hundred years old, so I imagine it should be good for another hundred years," said Smith.

The cemetery already owned the necessary land for the expansion but until this year, lacked the funds to pay for the new fencing and other improvements needed. Smith said the cemetery received a donation from the Lea Park Cattle Association when it disbanded, one of several community groups to benefit.

"We're very thankful for the donation from the Cattle Association and for all the help the County is giving us with this expansion," said Smith.

Div. 1 Coun. Darrell Younghans brought the cemetery board's request to council. "They're asking for help with the site leveling, an approach, gravel, and assistance surveying," said Younghans, noting the surveying is important to have the new plots lined up properly.

"This is where they got a good one time shot. But between the cost of the fencing and the maintenance I think it'll be pretty tight to do it," said Younghans.

Div. 2 Coun. Kevin Wirsta asked if all the work needed to be done in one year, while Div. 5 Coun. Dale Hedrick asked if county staff would have enough time to do the work, estimated at about 10 hours.

According to Younghans, the work does need to be done this summer. Director of Public Works Daniel Reid said at first glance he thought it would be manageable for county staff to do the work.

"I'll make a motion to approve it because the county residents are just dying to get in there," said Hedrick. The motion carried.

Elk Point RCMP take 'When in doubt, call us out' approach

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

Elk Point RCMP detachment commander Sgt. Dave Henry presented at the July 9 County of St. Paul council meeting to introduce himself and talk about the detachment's goals for the future. Henry has been working in the St. Paul area for five years now and was recently transferred to Elk Point.

"I've heard it all already. 'You're not going to be there long, what are you going to do, nothing you can do.' I know the media is here but, I've heard the crap. I don't care. I'm coming in to make a difference and that's what I'm going to do," said Henry.

According to Henry, the six-member detachment is averaging close to 70 calls per month. He said since taking over as commander, he's started a new operation called 'When in doubt, call us out' which is focused on encouraging people to make reports when they see something suspicious.

"People know the area better than we do. We're there for four years max. People know the area better than we do, it's a fact. They know who belongs in the neighbourhood and who doesn't. So I'm encouraging people, if you see a suspicious vehicle call us. Stop thinking you're wasting our time. That's our job," said Henry.

He said they've already seen some success with the operation as a recent tip about a suspicious vehicle led RCMP to a U-Haul full of stolen property, some of which had been stolen from Kitscoty the night before. A recent 'warrant round-up' also led to seven arrests.

"It is working, it's just taking time to get the word out there," he said.

According to Henry, the detachment's priorities for the community include crime reduction, traffic, and community-police relations.

The crime reduction strategy includes things like the warrant round ups and regular check stops.

"I've got guys doing hot spots too, so we find out where the crime is happening and we start to target that area. At nighttime, if you have lights on your vehicle we're stopping you. Maybe it's just to say hi, but we're going to find out who you are, what you're doing and why you're there," said Henry.

He said traffic enforcement goes hand in hand with crime reduction because it provides an opportunity to get to know who belongs in the community, which then contributes to building the community-police relationship.

"When you get to know the person, when you get to know not just Sgt. Henry, but David. You get to know who I am, that I live in the community, that I care about the community just as much as you do because I want my kids to grow up well. I want my kids to know the community is safe. It helps. People start to come to you, they start to trust you. You're not out to get them, you're out to help make life better for them," said Henry.

Following Henry's presentation, council asked questions about upcoming challenges to the Elk Point detachment, including staff shortages.

Coun. Darrell Younghans asked if the anticipated staff shortage was a budget issue. Henry said it wasn't a budget issue, it was a problem with recruitment. Wirsta asked if recruitment challenges were linked to the severity of crime in the Elk Point area, and Elk Point having earned the notorious distinction of the highest Crime Severity Index in Alberta this year.

"We don't get experienced members. They don't necessarily want to come to the highest Crime Severity Index in Alberta . . . Severity is down now because previous members and the EADCRU team are out there and a lot of our big players are in cells right now. But a lot of them are coming out in September so we have to be ready for a new round," said Henry.



ELK POINT RCMP OFFICERS were busy handing out candy, not tickets, at the Canada Day Parade.

